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SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS TAKE STEP TOWARD UNITY

1. FERNANDO ALVAREZ DE MIRANDA'S "PARTIDO POPULAR DEMOCRATA CRISTIANO" (PPDC) ON JAN 5 ACCEPTED THE INVITATION OF THE SIX PARTY OPPOSITION CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC "TEAM" TO JOIN ITS "ELECTORAL COMMITTEE." ALTHOUGH THIS DOES NOT CONSTITUTE THE FORMAL INTEGRATION OF PPDC INTO THE TEAM. IT IS TANTAMOUNT TO DE FACTO PPDC MEMBERSHIP, SINCE THE ELECTORAL COMMITTEE WILL BE THE PRINCIPAL FOCUS OF THE TEAM'S POLITICAL ACTION IN THE COMING MONTHS. IN HIS ANNOUNCEMENT OF PPDC'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE TEAM'S INVITATION OALVAREZ DE MIRANDA. TRUE TO FORM EMPHASIZED THE NECESSITY OF A BROAD CENTRIST ELECTORAL ALLIANCE WAES CD UNITY.

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2. MEANWHILE, "FEDERATION" TALKSBETWEEN RUIZ GIMENEZ. "DEMOCRATIC LEFT. (ID) AND OROHIO MONREAL LUQUE'S UDE (MADDRID 9692) HAVE STALLED REPORTEDLY OVER UDE'S REFUSAL TO ACCEPT ID'S CONDITION THAT UDE MEMBERS HAVE TO RESIGN ANY GOVT POSTS OR STAY OUT OF PARTY POLITICS.

3. COMMENT: ALVAREZ DE MIRANDA, FORMERLY A LEADER OF ID PARTED COMPANY WITH RUIZ GIMENEZ SOME MONTHS AGO OVER THE LATTER'S COOPERATION WITH THE COMMUNISTS, PARTICULARLY IN THE FORM OF THE PLATAJUNTA, AND HIS OWN CONVICTION THAT THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS ELECTORAL SUCCESS DEPENDED ON THE SOLIDIFICATION AND ULTIMATE ELECTORAL COOPERATION OF THE POLITICAL CENTER, TO INCLUDE REGIME CONNECTED ELEMENTS. HE NOW RETURNS TO THE "TEAM" (WITH WHICH HE HAS ALWAYS WORKED CLOSELY IN ANY EVENT) NOT AS RUIZ GIMENEZ DEPUTY, BUT AS A PARTY LEADER IN HIS OWN RIGHT. EVENTS, INCLUDING RUIZ GIMENEZ OWN MOVE BACK TOWARD THE CENTER, HAVE LARGELY PROVED ALVAREZ DE MIRANDA RIGHT. WE NOTE THAT LITTLE HAS BEEN HEARD OF THE PLATAJUNTA IN RECENT WEEKS AND IF THE GOVT OPPOSITION NEGOTIATIONS MAKE HEADWAY AND A MUTUALLY ACCEPTANCE ELECTORAL LAW IS DRAFTED, THAT OPPOSITION COALITION WILL BE WELL ON IT WAY TO THE POLITICAL DUSTBON.STABLER

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